



CLERK'S OFFICE ALERT

New Fee Schedules

The Clerk is directed by RCW 36.18.080 to post a schedule of the fees allowed by law. Pursuant to laws enacted during the 2009 legislative session and a clerk's policy change, the Clerk's fee schedule is changing twice in the month of July.

Effective July 1, 2009, [Chapter 572, Laws of 2009](#) mandates the addition of a surcharge to many Superior Court filing fees in this state. RCW 36.18.020 is amended to add a thirty dollar surcharge to most civil filing fees in Superior Court. RCW 36.18.018 is amended to add a thirty dollar surcharge to the filing fee for appellate reviews brought pursuant to RAP 5.1(b). Most appeals from courts of limited jurisdiction will be subject to a surcharge of twenty dollars, in addition to the prescribed filing fee.

The surcharges are **set to expire on July 1, 2011**.

One further revision is the elimination of the fax filing fee from the fee schedule. With the implementation of mandatory e-filing on July 1, 2009, the King County Clerk's Office will no longer be offering a fax filing service.

Effective July 26, 2009, [Chapter 417, Laws of 2009](#) incorporates further revisions to fee schedules in Superior Court. Section 2 revises RCW 36.18.016 (11) by increasing the hourly rate clerks may charge for services to thirty dollars per hour. This law re-codifies other fees and clarifies that fees pertain to relevant filings whether filed in hard copy (paper) or electronically.

For more information on these changes, or to view the King County Superior Court Clerk's Fee Schedule, visit a Clerk's Office location or visit the web site, located at <http://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/Clerk>.

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